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ACTION STR FOR GREENWALD, LANDE, MATTHEISEN
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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, MTN
SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DG LONG ON FRAMEWORK

1. AMBASSADOR MCDONALD MET NOV 18 WITH DG LONG AT LATTER'S
REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING FRAMEWORK
GROUP (FG) MEETING NOW SET TO BEGIN AFTERNOON OF DECEM-
BER 7. PASIN OF SECRETARIAT AND HARTZELL WERE ALSO
PRESENT. LONG INQUIRED WHAT PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE IN
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, CITING AMB MACIEL AS PROPONENT OF
PLENARY FG SESSION BY DEC 15. IN CUSTOMARY GAMBIT, DG
PROBED FOR SIGNS OF SOFTENING IN U.S. POSITION THAT
ISSUES IN FG MUST BE PURSUED ON A PARALLEL BASIS, OFFERING
SUGGESTION THAT FOR SAKE OF CONVENIENCE FG SHOULD PICK ONE
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TOPIC, WORK ON IT AS FAR AS IT COULD BE TAKEN, AND THEN
GO ON TO ANOTHER.

2. IN RESPONSE MCDONALD STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PARALLEL
PROGRESS ON ALL TOPICS AND, AT END OF THE DAY, A POSITIVE
RESULT ON EACH; OUR POSITION REFLECTED CONTINUING U.S.
VIEW THAT TRADING PARTNERS SHOULD ACHIEVE SOME BROAD-

BASED, ALBEIT MODEST, UPDATING OF GATT, AND ALSO FACT THAT WE WOULD FIND NO DOMESTIC SUPPORT FOR A REFORM PACKAGE LIMITED TO "LDC ISSUES." TOPIC-BY-TOPIC WORK METHOD WOULD BE TROUBLESOME AND, MOREOVER, NEED FOR PARALLEL MOVEMENT WAS SETTling IN ALL ACROSS THE MTN AS DELEGATIONS STATED THEIR VARIOUS LINKAGES AND CONDITIONS, WHETHER IN FG OR ELSEWHERE. WHILE WE WERE SKEPTICAL ABOUT WISDOM OF A FG PLENARY JUST NOW, ONE USEFUL STEP COULD BE FOR FG TO CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE OF FIVE-TOPIC AGENDA AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK FOR PACKAGE INCLUDING RESULTS ON EACH.

3. DG GAVE LUKEWARM ENDORSEMENT TO LATTER COMMENTS, NOTING IMPORTANCE OF DOING SOMETHING TO BUILD FG WORK INTO POST-JANUARY 15 MTN TIMETABLE. WHILE IN HIS PERSONAL VIEW FIRST THREE TOPICS (PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, BOP, AND DISPUTE MANAGEMENT) WERE PRIORITY ITEMS, HE SAW A SUCCESSFUL FG PLENARY IN DECEMBER AS ONE WHICH WOULD "CONSOLIDATE" ITS WORK BY RECORDING THAT IT (1) HAD NARROWED DOWN THE ISSUES TO THE FIVE STATED SECTORS AND (2) WAS INITIATING SUBSTANTIVE WORK ON THOSE POINTS "OR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM." HE CAUTIONED AGAINST GOING DIRECTLY INTO WORK ON EXPORT CONTROLS (TOPIC 5), CITING CANADIAN POTENTIAL FOR STARTING "PRAIRIE FIRE" AMONG LDCS.

4. MCDONALD ACKNOWLEDGED RISKS BUT NOTED WE HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING MTN TURN INTO A CANADIAN NEGOTIATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOR OF LETTING OUR APPROACH TO TOPIC 1 BE UNAFFECTED BY LDC APPROACH TO TOPIC 5. EXTREME POSITIONS AND PROPOSALS WOULD CAUSE US SOME CONCERN. NEVERTHELESS, IN UPCOMING PLENARY WE WOULD BE STRESSING POINTS OF BALANCE AND KEEPING OUR VOICES LOW.

5. DRAFTED BY HARTZELL. MCDONALD

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